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## Welcome

Welcome to Arana Netball Club Inc. We are a family orientated netball club with a proud history that spans over 40 years in our local area. In 1977, a group of like-minded women came together over the game of netball. Many years on, our community continues to come together each season to celebrate the successes of our players and members through netball.

We have created this information pack to provide a little insight into our club to help answer any questions you may have about who we are and where to find information. Our website contains more detailed information, and we encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates.

We hope you enjoy your time with Arana Netball Club Inc. If you have any questions, our friendly committee can be found at the courts most training nights and at our Arana tent each Saturday during winter fixtures. Alternatively, [email](#) is a great way to contact the team quickly and you are most welcome and encouraged to join our monthly meetings.

*Arana Netball Club Inc.*



## Acronyms and abbreviations

AGM – Annual General Meeting  
DPNA – Downey Park Netball Association  
QCNA – Queensland Catholic Netball Association

## Club communication

We offer communication via a variety of channels. Below are some ways to keep on top of the latest club news:

- [Stack Team App](#) – whole club communication. You must be registered to receive notices.
- [Website](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Netball Connect App](#)
- Committee meetings
- Team Manager
- Coach

## Club Roles

### Committee

Each year at our AGM in August, our committee is voted in for the following year. We invite players, families and supporters of our club from the community to attend our AGM. The greater the attendance, the greater your voice in shaping your club. Each year we have a number of positions to fill and position titles and descriptions are sent out to all club members in advance of our AGM. You're welcome to nominate for a position on your own or request a shared role, this can be helpful when juggling netball/family/work commitments.

#### Our 2025 committee:

President:	Jenna Hodgkiss
Vice President/Uniform Convenor/DPNA Rep:	Kym Streeter
Treasurer/Registrar:	Janice Geary
Secretary:	Gemma Streeter
Coaching Convenor:	Dale Robertson
Umpiring Convenor:	Brianna Streeter
Umpiring Mentor:	Jason Robertson
Arana Sports Rep/DPNA Rep/Raffle Convenor:	Lisa Jackson
Publicity Officer:	Georgia Carter
Property Officer/Assistant Publicity Officer:	Ebony Mateer
Social and Fundraising Convenor:	Lana Robertson
Assistant Uniform Convenor:	Emilie Jackson

Committee members will be available most training nights and you're welcome to come and chat. Please remember that coaching comes first, so there may be a wait to have the full attention of one of our committed volunteers. Most of our committee are parents, players, and coaches and will never be far away from the action. You will also find committee members at our tent and around the courts on game days. Alternatively, you can contact the committee via [email](#) or via our [website](#).

### Coaches

Our coaches are all volunteers and most also play for our club. Our coaches undertake accredited training and are assigned to teams based on experience, coaching level, and age.

You're eligible to apply for a coaching position in the year you turn 14. Our young coaches are also joined by a more experienced coach/club member as their mentor when they first start out.

We welcome expressions of interest to join our coaching team, for more information please email our [coaching convenor](#).

## Team managers

Our players deserve their coach's full attention not only on game day but at training as well. In order to put their team first, coaches need a little help from time to time and this is where our team managers come in.

As team manager, you're the key point of contact between the club, coach, players, and parents. You don't need to know anything about the game or the club to be a good team manager, you just need to be able to share information with your team and assist your team coach in keeping players organised. Attending monthly committee meetings has proven a valuable resource for our team managers.

## Raffles

We are fortunate to be aligned with Arana Sports and this allows us the opportunity to take part in raffles at Arana Leagues club throughout our season. This is a major fundraising opportunity for our club and is not possible without the help of volunteers.

To help spread the load, each team is assigned one day throughout the season where two volunteers are asked to join our raffle convenor at Arana Leagues Club for 1 hour to sell raffle tickets. This process is so well refined it often only takes our volunteers 45 minutes before all tickets are sold out.

Raffle dates are made available on the calendar on TeamAPP. Once teams are announced, each team will be assigned a raffle date. It is the responsibility of the team to find a replacement if they are not available on their allocated time slot.

## Fundraising

Arana Netball Club Inc. runs one club raffle throughout the season. We welcome prize donations and suggestions. Each player is provided with tickets to sell. To maximise our fundraising efforts, our fundraising convenor aligns our raffle closing date with our DPNA fundraising day.

DPNA allocates each club one round to fundraise during the season. Our fundraising convenor will keep teams updated via club communications as to when our date is and request volunteers to help sell raffle tickets on the day. You can email our [fundraising convenor](#) for more information.

## Umpires

While our umpires are not volunteers, they still put in time outside of their family, work and recreational commitments to make themselves available for trials, game day, and assisting at carnivals.

Our umpires undertake accredited training and are assigned to games based on experience, umpiring level, and age.

You're eligible to apply for an umpiring role in the year you turn 13. For information please email our [umpiring convenor](#).

## Sub Committees

Throughout the year where special club events call for additional volunteers there may be a need to establish a sub-committee.

## Other volunteering opportunities



There is no limit to the assistance you can provide. If you see a need, by all means jump in and help.

## Codes of behaviour & guidelines

Arana Netball Club Inc. players, members, and volunteers abide by codes of behaviour. We pride ourselves on being a supportive community club. We follow the [Netball Queensland Code of Conduct and Integrity](#).

## Teams

Teams are formed after trials. To trial for a team, you must be registered prior to the first [trial date](#). trial dates are announced each year on or before online registration opens.

Opens	Our opens division is open to all ladies 19 years+.
Inters	Inters division is open to female players aged 16-19 years.
Cadets	Cadets division is open to female players aged 14/15yrs.
Junior Competitive	Junior competitive players start from the year they turn 11. This is the first year our parents will be official game scorers and our players compete for a place in the finals. Players may be asked from time to time to play up into a higher division or older age group to help teams that may have players away. This is a great opportunity for our young players to experience different players, positions, and competition. * As per Netball Queensland, boys to move to a male comp from age 12 years.
NetSetGo	Our most junior players, 7 - 10 years*, are our NetSetGo players. Their season is a little shorter finishing up on the last week of the normal fixtures due to not competing in finals. *must turn 7 by end of June and be in grade 2.
Coaches	Our coaching convenor will assign coaches to teams. There are many factors involved in this process. All our coaches are volunteers and undertake accreditation, plan training sessions, and prepare for games in their own time.

## Sign on

Registrations to join Arana Netball Club Inc. made through [Netball Connect](#). The link for registration and instructions on how to register are published on our [website](#) towards the end of January each year.

While all registrations are completed online, we also hold an annual sign on day at our courts. This allows players to register with our registrar, try on uniforms, complete uniform purchases, and get to meet other players and our committee. Dates for online registration opening and our sign day are announced each year after the final general meeting for the year and can be found on our [website](#).

When signing on, players are asked to nominate 2 position preferences. At the same time, parents should consider what position they would like to volunteer for. Ideally each parent will volunteer once throughout the season.

## Trials

Player trials will run over two weeks (one night per week).

Netball is a graded sport and Arana Netball Club Inc. follow a process in which we aim to form teams that have a balanced group of players of similar ability. Therefore, trials are considered mandatory for all players.

The trials allow selectors to assess the skill level of all players which assists in creating teams that allow individuals to shine as well as having strong team bonds. There are many aspects taken into consideration such as player experience, ability, fitness, attitude, and playing positions. Players and parents should be aware that many factors influence the final team assignment and players may not end up in the same team as previous years or with friends they are used to playing with. Assigning players to teams where players have similar skill levels enables the team to be competitive within their division and therefore providing players with an enjoyable season. You can [find out more about the trials process on our website](#).

Any player unable to attend all their trial sessions (without prior notification) cannot be guaranteed to be placed in a team that best suits their playing ability. If you are unable to attend any or all your trial dates, please [contact us](#) 7 days prior to the trial dates.

Arana Netball Club Inc. aims to ensure team trials are conducted fairly and effectively. Players and parents are urged to be objective and reasonable in their expectations and to encourage their children to be happy in their sport whichever team they are ultimately placed in.

If you feel strongly about the final outcome, the committee will only accept a complaint/query in writing within 5 days of notification of team placement via [email](#) to the club secretary.

On the completion of trials, the club holds a naming afternoon where all players, coaches, and parents come together to meet and make arrangements for training and appoint the team manager.

Training for all teams is on a weeknight during netball season. [Training is held at our courts](#) at Arana Hills. Training times are announced as soon as possible after registrations are finalised. Training is scheduled for a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, Monday's are also an option in the case where the courts have insufficient availability for all teams on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Games are played on a Saturday at Downey Park. Junior teams generally play at the same time each week. Senior teams will generally move across 3 different time slots. Game times are published to [Netball Connect App](#) at the start of the season.

## Netball season

### Games

The first game for the season generally commences towards the end of March each year. DPNA aim to release the fixture information mid-March. All game dates are available in our Arana Netball Calendar, available through [Stack Team App](#).

### Fees

Visit our [website](#) for information about fees.

### Queensland Government Fair Play Vouchers

If you are applying for a [Queensland Government Fair Play Voucher](#), makes sure you have been approved and have the voucher number before you complete the registration process. Further information on how to claim the discount is available on our [website](#).

### Household discount

A household discount is available for the second and subsequent dependent children up to 18 years old in the same household. Further information for claiming the household discount will be available through our [registration process](#).

### Arana registration payment plan

Arana Netball Club Inc. has a payment plan option for players and parents. You can apply for a payment plan during the registration process. Further information is available on our [website](#).

### Uniforms

All players are required to wear club uniform on game day. The minimum uniform required to play is the club dress, shirt and shorts, and socks. We also have [other merchandise available to purchase](#).

Second hand uniforms may be available for sale on sign on day and at trials. As the numbers are limited, we would encourage you to show an expression of interest with estimated size via [arananetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:arananetballclub@gmail.com)

New uniforms can be purchased at our sign on day or at player trials. Our uniform team are also available most training nights during the season. More information about uniforms is available on our [website](#).

## FAQ's

### I am joining with a friend can we be on the same team?

All of our players are asked to attend trials, this allows our team selectors to fairly assess each player and make team and position and recommendations.

We cannot guarantee friends will be assigned to the same team. In some age groups we have multiple teams, and our selectors may recommend the players be on different teams. This is done without bias as they are assessing the player not the friendship. This is a great opportunity not only for the players but for the teams as well. Individuals will play with teams who compliment their strengths and give everyone the opportunity to have a successful season.

If you have any questions regarding team selections, we would encourage you to speak with the club president or vice president as soon as possible. Both will be available at sign on day and trials or you can contact them via [email](#).

### What night is training?

Training times are announced as soon as possible after registrations are finalised. Training is scheduled for a Tuesday or Wednesday evening, Monday's may also an option dependant on coach, court and team availability.

Your coach/s, team, and court availability will determine your training time.

Team training will be finalised at our team naming day. If you're unable to attend please [email our club registrar](#) with your evening availability 7 days prior to the naming day.

### I've never played before, I'm not sure where to start.

We welcome players of all levels. Every player attends our trial days and during this process, our club selectors will watch each player on the court and make recommendations for positions and teams.

Don't let inexperience stop you from joining; we have new players join every season from our 7 year olds right through to our opens.

If you would like to test the waters before signing up, [email our club registrar](#) for information.

### When is netball season?

Registration opens January/February.

Training starts February/March.

Competition starts March/April each year.

Competition finishes August/September.

We celebrate our season with a trophy event in September/October.



There is no competition during school holidays however games may be timetabled for the first or last Saturday of the school holidays. Your game schedule will be available at the start of the season on the [Netball Connect App](#).

## Additional Resources and Links

Downey Park Netball - [downeypark.qld.netball.com.au](http://downeypark.qld.netball.com.au)

QLD Catholic Netball Association - [qcna.org.au](http://qcna.org.au)

Netball Queensland - [qld.netball.com.au/](http://qld.netball.com.au/)

Netball Connect App - [qld.netball.com.au/netballconnect](http://qld.netball.com.au/netballconnect)

Stack Team App – [teamapp.com/](http://teamapp.com/) (download the app)

**Note: Information is correct at time of publishing January 2025. As new information comes to hand it will be shared via club communication channels.**